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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 18, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including April 10, 2003, by submission of the attached extension petition, extension fee, Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee.

The format of the present paper is submitted to comply with soon-to-be adopted amended 37 CFR 1.121, and as permitted in the attached "Pre-OG Notice" signed by Steven Kunin, Deputy Commissioner of Patent Examination Policy, dated January 31, 2003. The format to the present Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the attached and is submitted without prejudice. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required to comply with the attached "Pre-OG Notice", or any other applicable Rule, and allow time, without penalty or prejudice, to provide any further or corrected item.

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